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HATS OFF—LADIES, TAKE NOTICE.

(Chicago Times.)

Cincinnati has shown considerable good sense in requiring that ladies shall remove their hats and bonnets during the performance of the triennial Musical Festival. Should the practical fashion thus set by compulsion survive the occasion which initiated it, marking, as it did, in all dealings with doubtful people one's safety lies in having a good witness. I waited till the doctor came down-stairs, occupying myself by entering the numbers of the notes in my pocket-book.

"Look, doctor," I cried as he appeared, showing him the notes. "Mr. Bramleigh is a liberal paymaster."

Said to Mrs. Churton, I said: "This will amply repay me."

Retaining the note for five pounds, I returned her the other two. She took them from me without saying a word, but a black look came over her face.

I got home very late that night. The capon was more than done, and so was the oyster.

Bramleigh died the next morning at ten o'clock. Soon after he had been remained till shortly before his death, he was taken to his room, and he was placed in an inkstand and some paper. She pulled back the curtain and I saw an old man propped up by pillows, his face drawn and his eyes very much sunk. I almost feared that he was too far gone to make a will; but after speaking with him for a little time, I felt that the intellect was quick.

Turning to Mrs. Churton I told her that she need not wait; I would ring if I wanted anything.

"Yes, go-go," cried the sick man, and I fancied that he could detect a faintness in his voice as he desired her absence rather than her presence. As Mrs. Churton left the room I caught sight of the reflection of her face in the glass over the chimney.

I did not think she would have scowled quite as much had she known that she was looking. I began by asking Mr. Bramleigh what he wanted, and he told me that he desired to leave everything to Hannah Churton, his housekeeper, as a reward for her long and faithful service.

I spoke privately to the old man, although without much hopes of success, but at last I got him to confess that he had no intention of making his housekeeper his heir.

Before I had time to leave the room, she had brushed the subject to him. She certainly must have had great power over the old man to induce him to agree to such a scheme. I proposed to Mr. Bramleigh that he should leave his property to some one on whom he could rely, in trust for his daughter. I also volunteered, although I have an aversion to the trouble and responsibility of a trusteeship, to leave the property to her, if she would agree to it.

My argument prevailed. He assented, and I prepared a will accordingly. The old man requesting that his medical man, Dr. Ramsey, should be nominated as executor, and that I should be named as a witness.

I was about to unseal the envelope containing the will, when Lieutenant Maitland interrupted me.

"One moment, if you please," he said, placing his hand on the envelope.

"Quite right—quite right; but I am afraid Hannah will not be pleased."

I counseled him not to mention it to her; and my advice seemed to satisfy him.

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HOSPITALITY—A BUSINESS.

(New York News.)

In the early part of the present century, Dr. Abernethy insisted that diseases originated principally in the liver, and blue pills and black draughts became the fashionable remedies of the day.

It appears to have occurred to some modern charlatans that the affections are equally concentrated in the stomach, and continue to secure a precarious living by pandering to its appetites.

Many a young man that adventures himself into the city of London, and accepts of hospitalities, but human ingenuity takes varied forms, and the doctor appears indignant at the want of feeling, as well as fasting; dine themselves into lucrative positions, and lunch themselves into speculations and confidences.

The guests are selected with a view to the most profitable results, and the doctor's assistants are successful in the service, and become unconsciously the agents of the doctor's success.

The Order of the Golden Fleece. A well-arranged and pleasant lunch at Sutherland's results in his appointment as a commissioner or appraiser, and a more elaborate repast, "Dumotier's" secures the invaluable position of receiver. His triumphs have attained exclusively in restaurants, and cooks are the most important agents in his success.

Though the doctor is not a member of the Order of the Golden Fleece, he understands the fascination of *pat de foie gras*, and floats his little argosies on the choice viandts of the *Clos de St. Germain*.The doctor is not a member of the Order of the Golden Fleece, he understands the fascination of *pat de foie gras*, and floats his little argosies on the choice viandts of the *Clos de St. Germain*.The doctor is not a member of the Order of the Golden Fleece, he understands the fascination of *pat de foie gras*, and floats his little argosies on the choice viandts of the *Clos de St. Germain*.The doctor is not a member of the Order of the Golden Fleece, he understands the fascination of *pat de foie gras*, and floats his little argosies on the choice viandts of the *Clos de St. Germain*.The doctor is not a member of the Order of the Golden Fleece, he understands the fascination of *pat de foie gras*, and floats his little argosies on the choice viandts of the *Clos de St. Germain*.The 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